

MINUTES OF MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
COORDINATING COUNCIL
HELD
JULY 26, 2010

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Frank E. Shelp, Chair
Commissioner Clyde Reese
Commissioner B. J. Walker
Arnold Smith for Commissioner Brian Owens
Julie Spores, via teleconference
Representative Katie Dempsey, via teleconference
Diane Reeder
Stanley Jones
William McDonald, Ex-Officio, Governor's Office

ABSENT:

Senator Renee Unterman
Representative Katie Dempsey
Commissioner Garland R. Hunt

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Commissioner Frank E. Shelp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frank E. Shelp, Chair, called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2010. Stanley Jones requested that the Minutes reflect a discussion regarding organizing a workgroup to coordinate uniform benefits for children and adolescents. He believes that while DHS refinanced TRIS for foster kids with some spillover for kids in the DBHDD system, there is not full coordination with DJJ and new system when adolescent units are closed and the CMOs are performing different jobs.

After discussion, a Motion to Amend was made by Commissioner B. J. Walker to add requested verbiage to Minutes. Motion to Amend was seconded by Commissioner Clyde Reese. Minutes of May 12, 2010 will be presented at the October 20, 2010 Council Meeting with requested verbiage.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The Chair, Frank E. Shelp, noted that the Amendment to Bylaws is listed on the agenda as an "*Action*" item but he would like each member of Council to review the amendment that designates an "Executive Committee" to the Council. The original Bylaws of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, effective January 6, 2010, did not include an Executive Committee. With the statutory addition of five new members, namely: Department of Community Affairs, Department of Labor, State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Department of Education and Governor's Office for Children and Families (Ombudsman), it is necessary that each member review the Bylaws and discuss them at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE WORKGROUP UPDATE

Bob Climko, a member of the Executive Workgroup, gave the report from the workgroup which consisted of distributing the final draft of the pharmacy table. He provided a quick review of the document and then fielded questions from the Council. The Executive Committee was asked to review a report on pharmacy costs that was completed a few years back by DOAS and make recommendations or suggest next steps based on the document and also survey other states

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formulary plans. William McDonald, M.D., asked Mr. Climko to also look at the Veterans Administration because they have a great pharmacy plan in place. Commissioner Reese advised that he will invite his Medicaid pharmacy person to the next meeting to provide insight on the formulary plans. Stanley Jones suggested that the Executive Workgroup meet with DCH Medicaid staff and report back to Council.

CHILDREN AGING OUT OF DFCS

Vicky McClention, Manager, Intake and Advocacy, Lutheran Services of Georgia, gave a presentation on issues related to Children transitioning out of Child-Supporting Systems into Adult Systems. She noted that DBHDD, DFCS (DHS), DCH and any other involved agencies need to put in place a systematic approach to moving children from services provided to children under 21 years of age to adult services. She reported that the issues could be resolved with systematic transition planning, policy review and alignment and anticipating funding needs. Her written report included nine (9) recommendations to the Council that she would like reviewed. She asked that all the Commissioners responsible for serving families in the different stages of their lives make a commitment to coordinate Medicaid programs and services, including any waiver services.

Commissioner B. J. Walker commended that no child shall be forgotten. Her office stands ready to assist whenever she is informed that a problem exists. Commissioner Shelp noted that the number of waivers received is always less than the number requested in the Department's budget.

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS

Ruth Carr, DCH General Counsel and State Health Information Technology Coordinator gave a PowerPoint presentation on electronic medical records. PowerPoint presentation is attached and made a part of the Minutes.

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REGION 5 INITIATIVE/UPDATE ODR PROJECT

Councilmember Diane Reeder distributed a request from NAMI GA requesting the Council to endorse and collaborate with the Open Doors to Recovery Project (ODR) by developing solutions to break down systemic barriers in the delivery of mental health recovery opportunities in the 34 counties in Region 5. ODR would like the Council to assign staff member(s) to collaborate in developing and successfully implementing:

- Electronic recovery records;
- Facilitation of the synchronization of systems and deep end coordination and designing of quality data collection and mapping of services and systems in the 34 counties;
- Training and certification of community navigation specialist to be Medicaid billable by end 2010.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Shelp reported that the Department is still engaged in negotiations with the Department of Justice. The negotiations now are in a standstill. Judge Pannell will evaluate the next steps. Commissioner Shelp noted that he is hopeful that negotiations will continue.

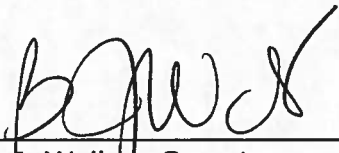
Commissioner Shelp noted that none of the five new agencies added to the Coordinating Council were present today but should be at the next meeting. He asked the Council to review the Bylaws carefully and be ready to discuss at the next meeting in October with a mind toward "*how the Executive Committee can best function within the Coordinating Council*".

A Motion was made by Commissioner B. J. Walker to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Clyde Reese. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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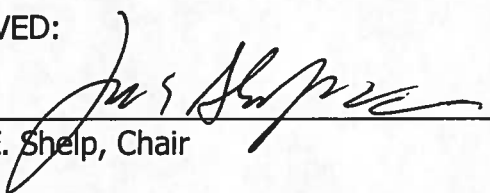
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.



B. J. Walker, Secretary

APPROVED:



Frank E. Shelp, Chair